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|  | Application No.  | Applicant(s)  |  |  |  |  |
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| Advisory Action  | 09/691,368   | MAREK ET AL.  |  |  |  |  |
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| The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| THE REPLY FILED 24 October 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this A no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire Is ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS 706.07(f).  Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 C | Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth ater than SIX MONTHS from the mailing FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE date on which the petition under 37 CF of extension and the corresponding amount the shortened statutory period for reply the later than three months after the mail | g date of the final rejection. HE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP  R 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension unt of the fee. The appropriate extension originally set in the final Office action; or |  |  |  |  |
| <ol> <li>A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.</li> </ol>  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered be  | ecause:  |   |  |  |  |  |
| (a) 🛛 they raise new issues that would require further   | er consideration and/or search (s  | see NOTE below);  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| (c) 🔯 they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| (d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 3. $\square$ Applicant's reply has overcome the following reject   | ion(s):  |   |  |  |  |  |
| . Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered becaraised by the Examiner in the final rejection.  | ause it is not directed SOLELY t   | o issues which were newly   |  |  |  |  |
| 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:   | ·  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) allowed:  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) objected to:  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) rejected:   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 8. The proposed drawing correction filed on is   | a)☐ approved or b)☐ disapp   | roved by the Examiner.  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statemer   | nt(s)( PTO-1449) Paper No(s).  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Other:   |  | •   |  |  |  |  |
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Continuation Sheet (PTOL-303)

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Continuation of 2. NOTE: They are not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance because the nonelected claims are still pending and they are not allowable .

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